THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No, Sir. There are two Head Post Offices in Ghaziabad Postal Division namely Ghaziabad HPO and Hapur HPO. Entries of interest in NSS pass books in Ghaziabad HO was completed on 31-5-2001 and in Hapur HO the same was completed on 27-6-2001.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Telephone Exchanges Operated Through Overhead Media

†2619. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 135 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 2001 and state :

(a) the number of telephone exchanges being operated through overhead media in Tehri Uttarkashi Telephone District; and

(b) by when all the exchanges in this telephone district are proposed to be provided on reliable media?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) 15 (fifteen) telephone exchanges in Uttarkashi Telecom District are being operated through overhead media.

(b) All these fifteen telephone exchanges are planned to be provided with reliable media by 31st March, 2002 subject to the availability of resources.

Installation of New Telephone Exchanges in U.P.

†2620. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new telephone exchange has been installed in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the telephone exchanges proposed to be installed during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.